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# THE INCREDIBLE HULK®

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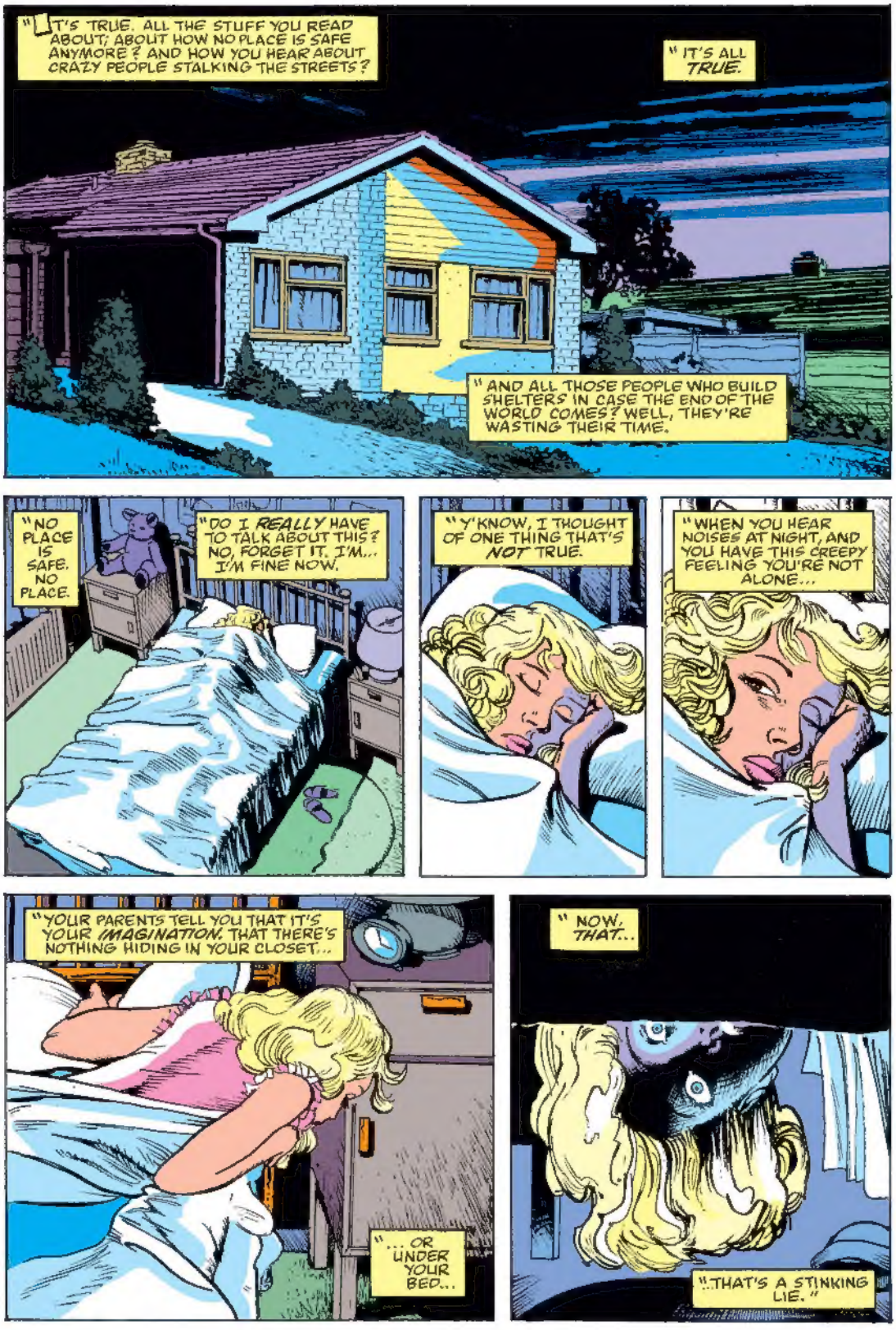
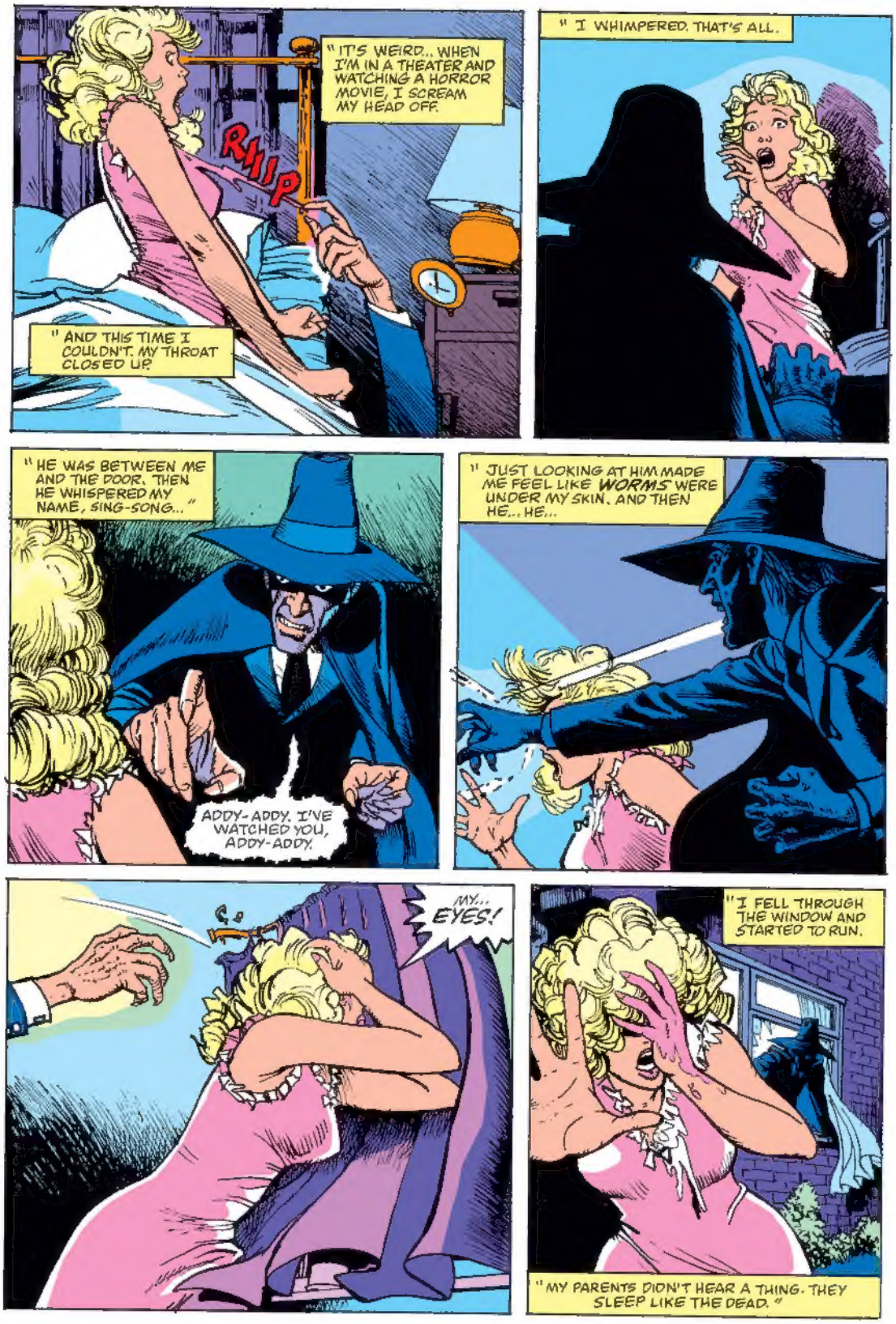
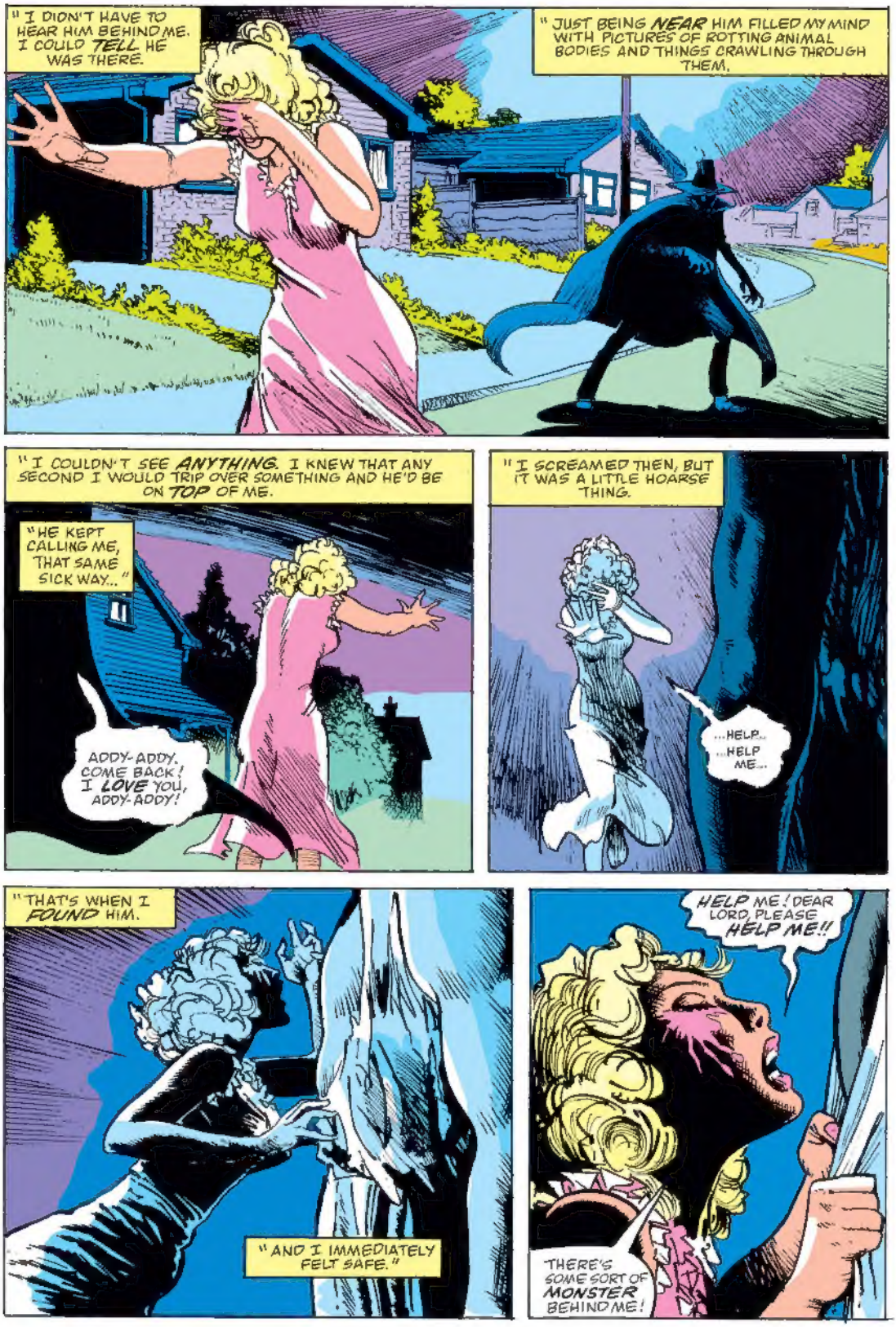

"IT'S TRUE. ALL THE STUFF YOU READ ABOUT; ABOUT HOW NO PLACE IS SAFE ANYMORE? AND HOW YOU HEAR ABOUT CRAZY PEOPLE STALKING THE STREETS?
"IT'S ALL TRUE.
"AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO BUILD SHELTERS IN CASE THE END OF THE WORLD COMES? WELL, THEY'RE WASTING THEIR TIME.
"NO PLACE IS SAFE. NO PLACE.
"DO I REALLY HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS? NO, FORGET IT. I'M... I'M FINE NOW.
"Y'KNOW, I THOUGHT OF ONE THING THAT'S NOT TRUE.
"WHEN YOU HEAR NOISES AT NIGHT, AND YOU HAVE THIS CREEPY FEELING YOU'RE NOT ALONE...
"YOUR PARENTS TELL YOU THAT IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION. THAT THERE'S NOTHING HIDING IN YOUR CLOSET...
"...OR UNDER YOUR BED...
"NOW, THAT...
"...THAT'S A STINKING LIE."


"IT'S WEIRD... WHEN I'M IN A THEATER AND WATCHING A HORROR MOVIE, I SCREAM MY HEAD OFF.
RRIP
"AND THIS TIME I COULDN'T. MY THROAT CLOSED UP.
"I WHIMPERED. THAT'S ALL.
"HE WAS BETWEEN ME AND THE DOOR. THEN HE WHISPERED MY NAME, SING-SONG..."
ADDY-ADDY. I'VE WATCHED YOU, ADDY-ADDY.
"JUST LOOKING AT HIM MADE ME FEEL LIKE WORMS WERE UNDER MY SKIN. AND THEN HE... HE...
MY... EYES!
"I FELL THROUGH THE WINDOW AND STARTED TO RUN.
"MY PARENTS DIDN'T HEAR A THING. THEY SLEEP LIKE THE DEAD."


"I DIDN'T HAVE TO HEAR HIM BEHIND ME. I COULD TELL HE WAS THERE.
"JUST BEING NEAR HIM FILLED MY MIND WITH PICTURES OF ROTTING ANIMAL BODIES AND THINGS CRAWLING THROUGH THEM.
"I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING. I KNEW THAT ANY SECOND I WOULD TRIP OVER SOMETHING AND HE'D BE ON TOP OF ME.
"HE KEPT CALLING ME, THAT SAME SICK WAY..."
ADDY-ADDY, COME BACK! I LOVE YOU, ADDY-ADDY!
"I SCREAMED THEN, BUT IT WAS A LITTLE HOARSE THING.
...HELP... ...HELP ME...
"THAT'S WHEN I FOUND HIM.
"AND I IMMEDIATELY FELT SAFE."
HELP ME! DEAR LORD, PLEASE HELP ME!!
THERE'S SOME SORT OF MONSTER BEHIND ME!

Stan Lee presents
THE EVIL THAT MEN DO!
A MONSTER?
NO KIDDING.
AN OFF-BEAT TALE OF THE GREY-SKINNED BEHEMOTH!
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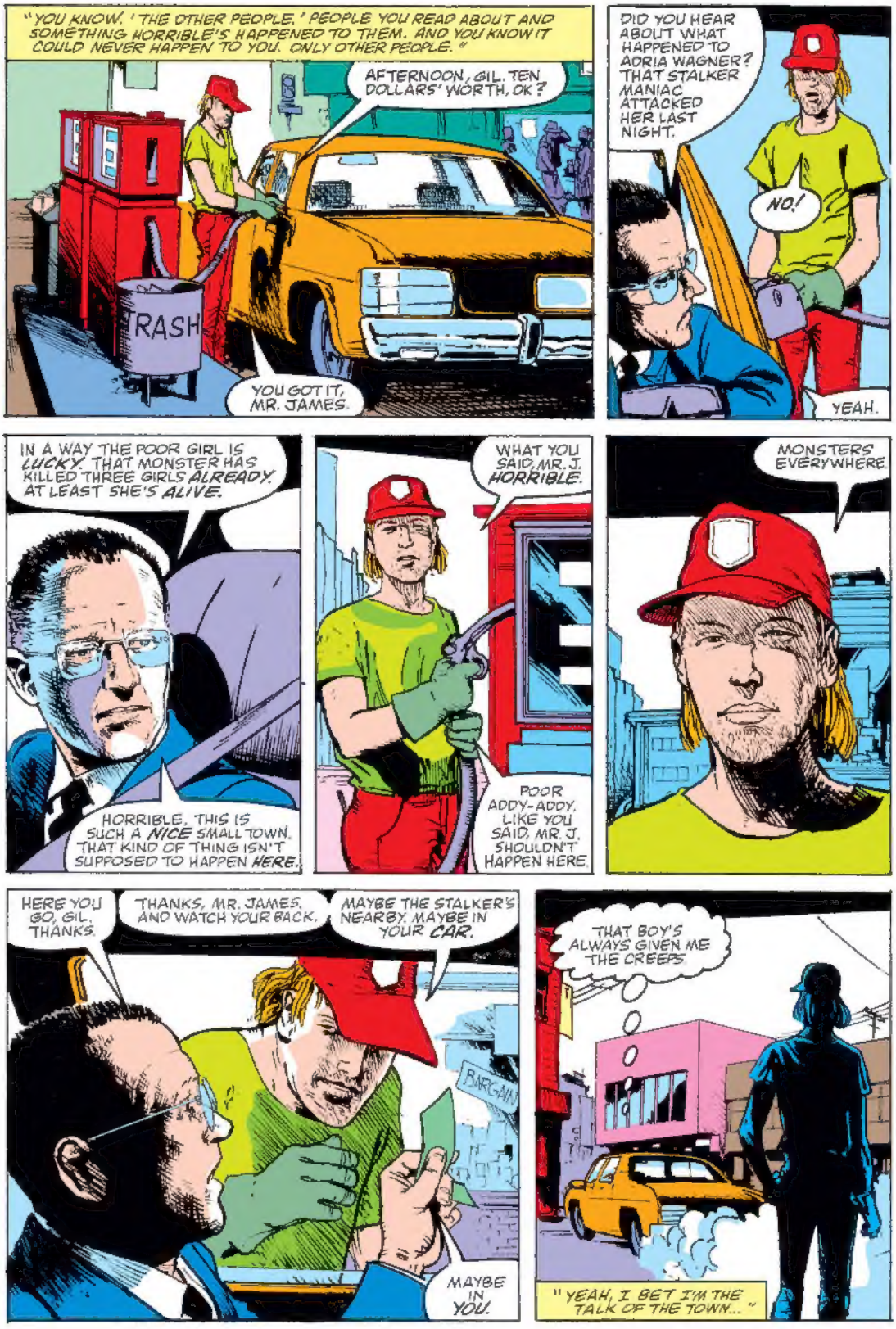
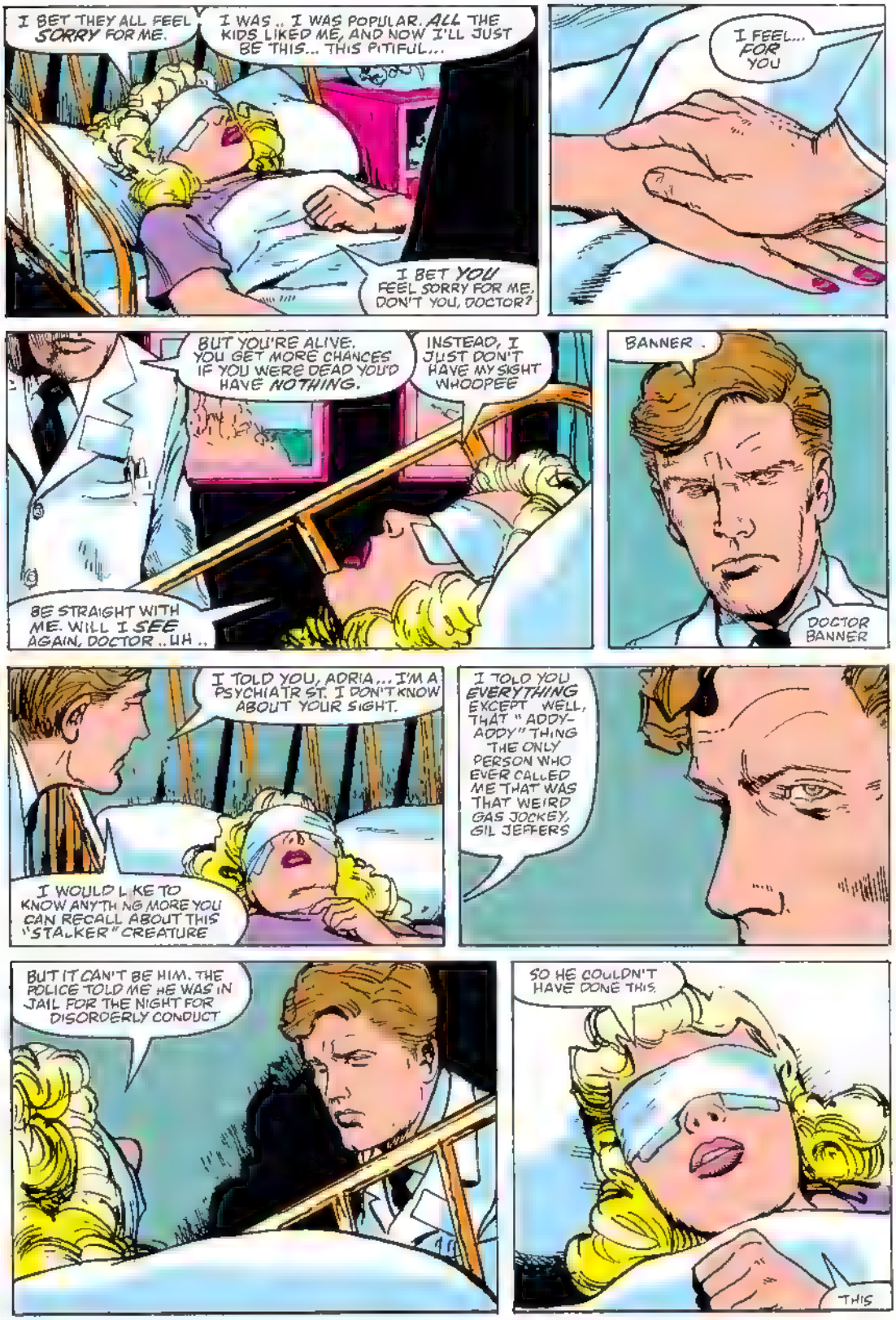
"I HEARD HIM BEHIND ME, SPITTING AND HISSING..."
GET AWAY FROM HER, CREATURE! SHE'S MINE! I SAW HER FIRST. YOU CAN'T HAVE HER.
DON'T CROSS ME OR YOU'LL REGRET IT... IF YOU LIVE!
TRY ME, TOUGH GUY.
"HE WAS QUIET A MOMENT, AND THEN HIS VOICE CHANGED. COAXING, CAJOLING..."
WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING HER, EH? SHE'S NOTHING TO YOU.
DON'T... DON'T LET HIM GET ME. PLEASE.
SHE'S SOFT AND WEAK... NOT LIKE US. WE'RE KINDRED SPIRITS. I SENSE IT.
GIVE HER TO ME. WATCH WHAT I DO WITH HER. IT'LL BE FASCINATING, LIKE WATCHING THE WINGS BEING PLUCKED FROM A FLY.
MAYBE I'LL EVEN LET YOU HELP

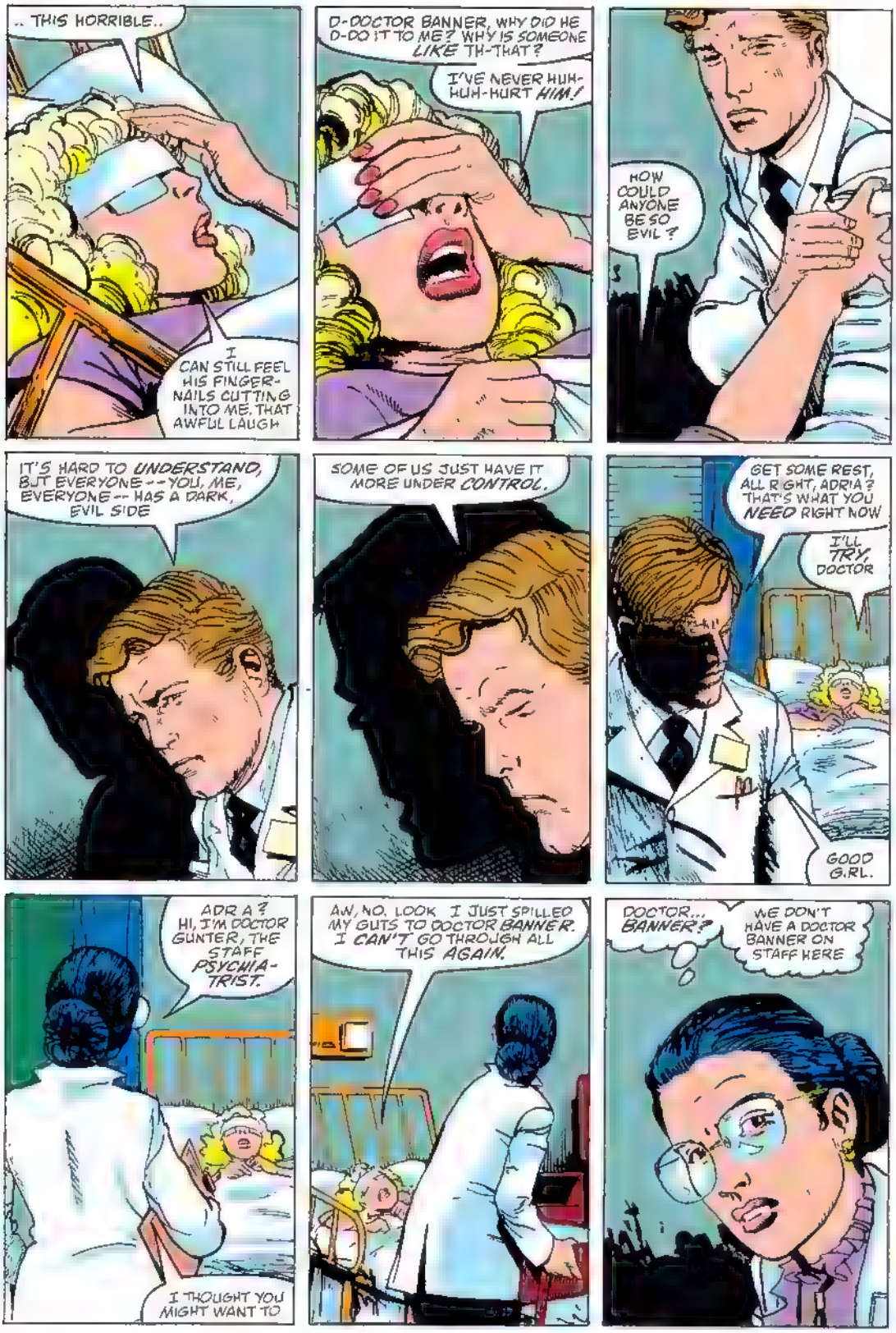
HMMMM.
IT MIGHT BE INTERESTIN' TO SEE JUST HOW CRUEL SOMEONE CAN BE.
"I SWEAR MY HEART STOPPED."
BUT... NOT THIS TIME.
MAYBE... NEXT TIME.
WHAT IN THE WORLD.. ?!
NOBODY MOVE!

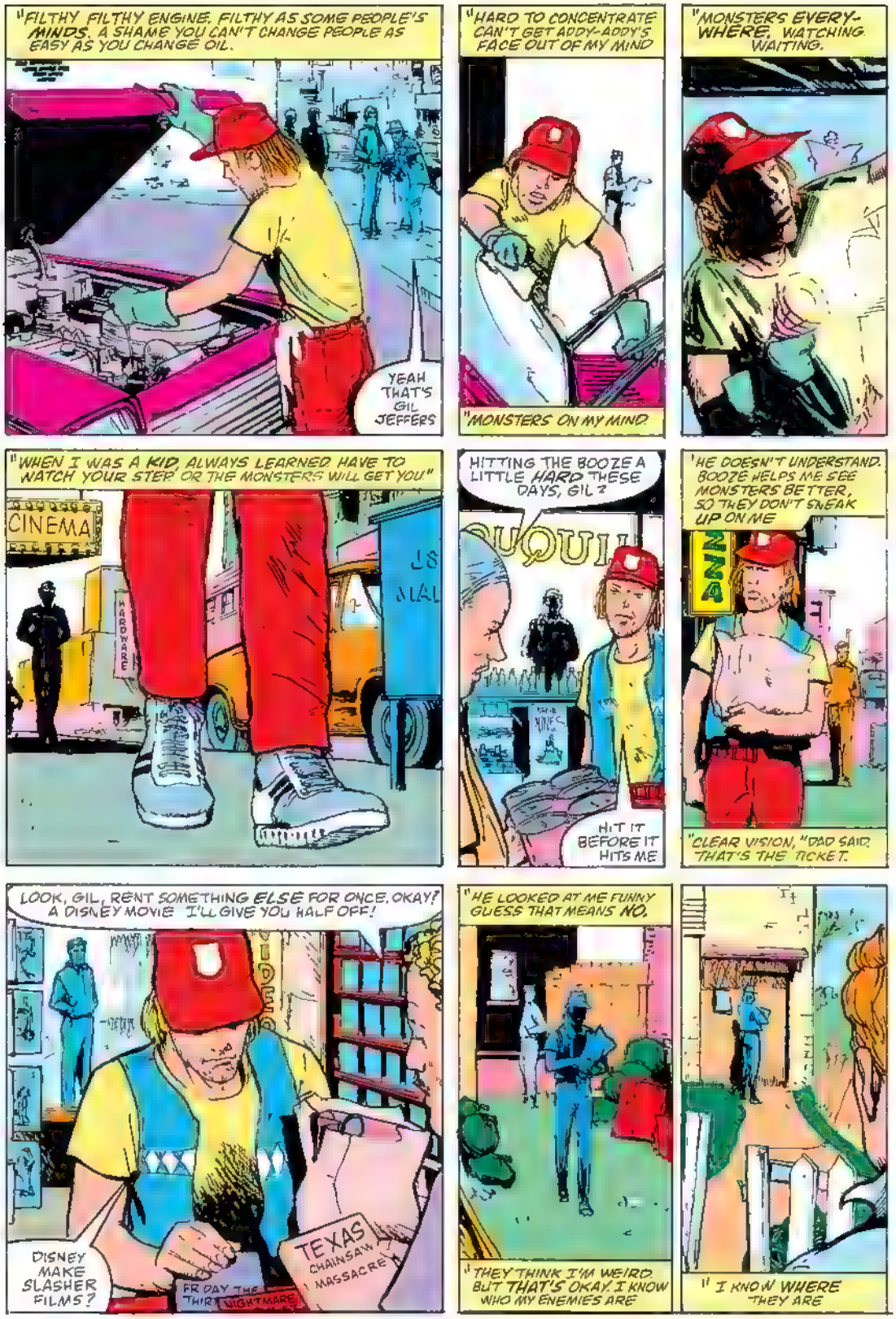
GUS! THE GUY IN THE HAT... HE'S JUST DIS-DISAPPEARING.
WHAT'S HAPPENING, GUS?!
I DON'T KNOW, RILEY..
BUT I'M MAKING BLASTED SURE THE BIG ONE STAYS PUT TO EXPLAIN IT.
HEY! THAT KID... IT'S ADRIA WAGNER.
ADRIA, THIS GUY.. HE, UH, A FRIEND OF YOURS?
HE SAVED ME FROM A CRAZY MAN! DON'T HURT HIM!
DON'T WORRY, MISS WAGNER. I WON'T HURT HIM.
HEH-HEH HEH.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.

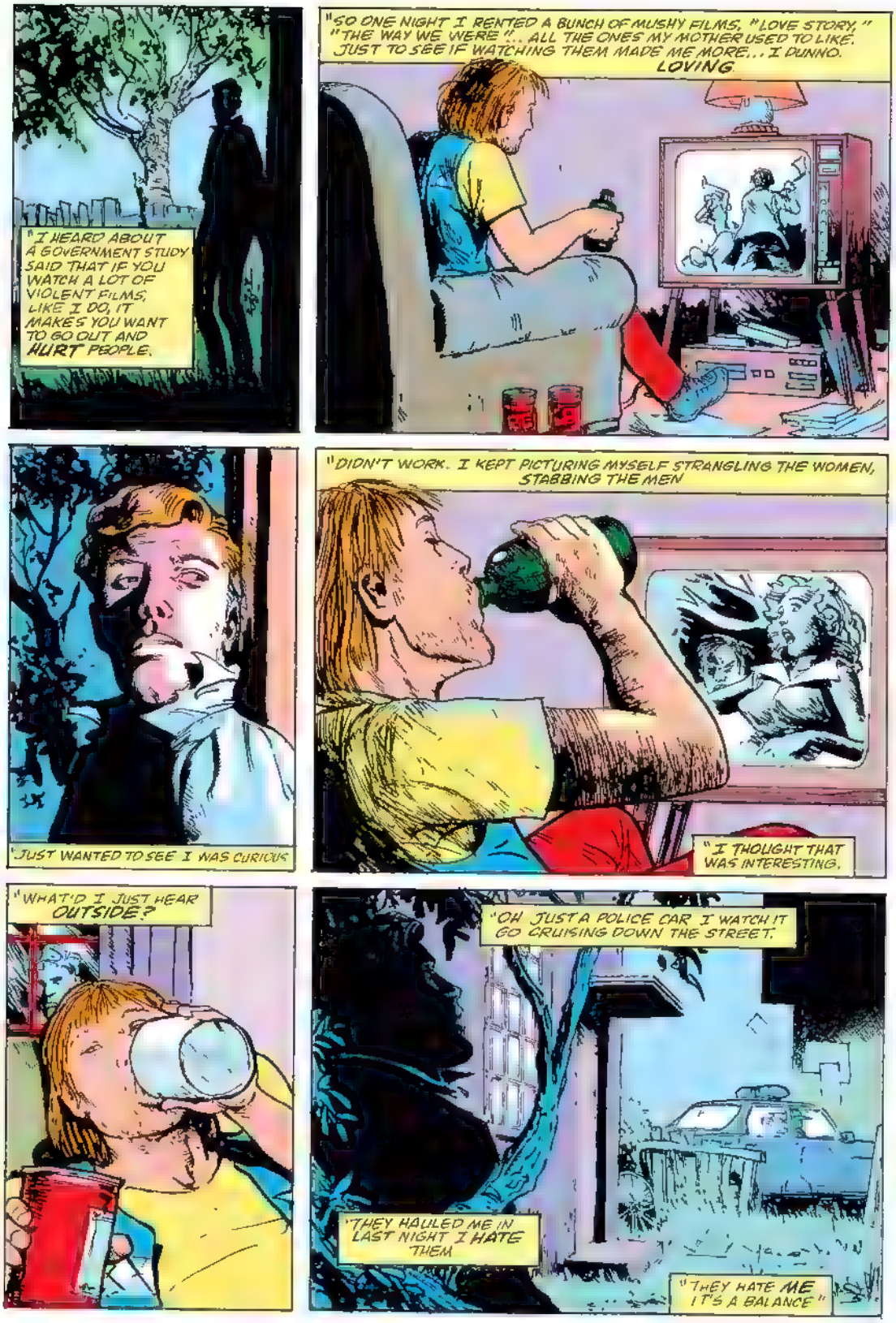
LEMME SHOW YA WHY YOU WON'T HURT ME..
...AND TAKE A QUICK DRINK AT THE SAME TIME.
BKRUNCH!
THAT'S BETTER.
DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY.
YA WOULDN'T LIKE ME WHEN I'M ANGRY.
"THINGS ARE A LITTLE HAZY AFTER THAT. THEY BROUGHT ME HERE TO THE HOSPITAL, BANDAGED ME UP, AND SUDDENLY I BECAME ONE OF THE 'OTHER PEOPLE.'"

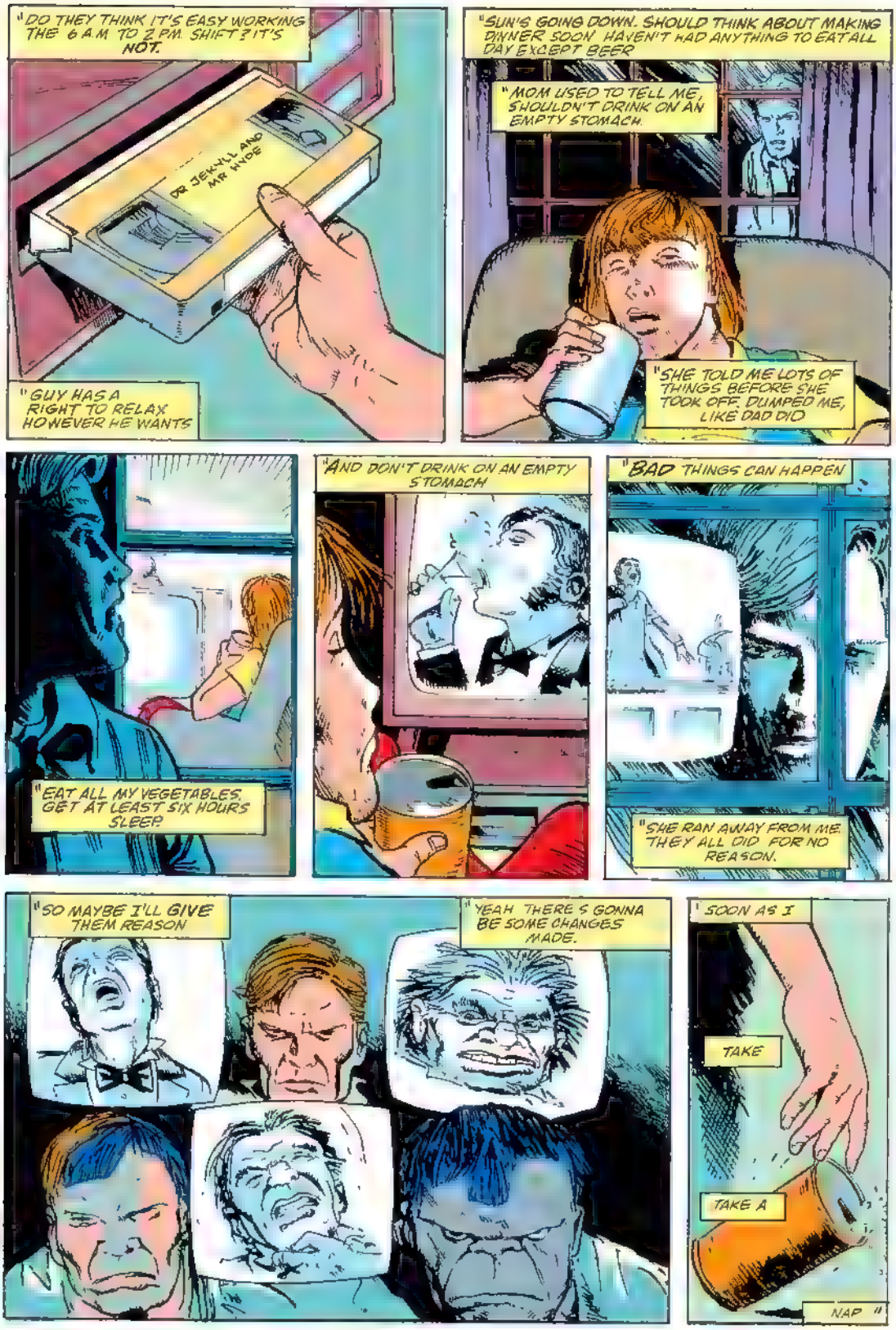

"YOU KNOW, 'THE OTHER PEOPLE.' PEOPLE YOU READ ABOUT AND SOMETHING HORRIBLE'S HAPPENED TO THEM. AND YOU KNOW IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN TO YOU. ONLY OTHER PEOPLE."
AFTERNOON, GIL. TEN DOLLARS' WORTH, OK?
TRASH
YOU GOT IT, MR. JAMES.
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ADRIA WAGNER? THAT STALKER MANIAC ATTACKED HER LAST NIGHT.
NO!
YEAH.
IN A WAY THE POOR GIRL IS LUCKY. THAT MONSTER HAS KILLED THREE GIRLS ALREADY. AT LEAST SHE'S ALIVE.
HORRIBLE. THIS IS SUCH A NICE SMALL TOWN. THAT KIND OF THING ISN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN HERE.
WHAT YOU SAID, MR. J. HORRIBLE.
POOR ADDY-ADDY. LIKE YOU SAID, MR. J. SHOULDN'T HAPPEN HERE.
MONSTERS EVERYWHERE.
HERE YOU GO, GIL. THANKS.
THANKS, MR. JAMES. AND WATCH YOUR BACK.
MAYBE THE STALKER'S NEARBY. MAYBE IN YOUR CAR.
BARGAIN
MAYBE IN YOU.
THAT BOY'S ALWAYS GIVEN ME THE CREEPS
"YEAH, I BET I'M THE TALK OF THE TOWN..."

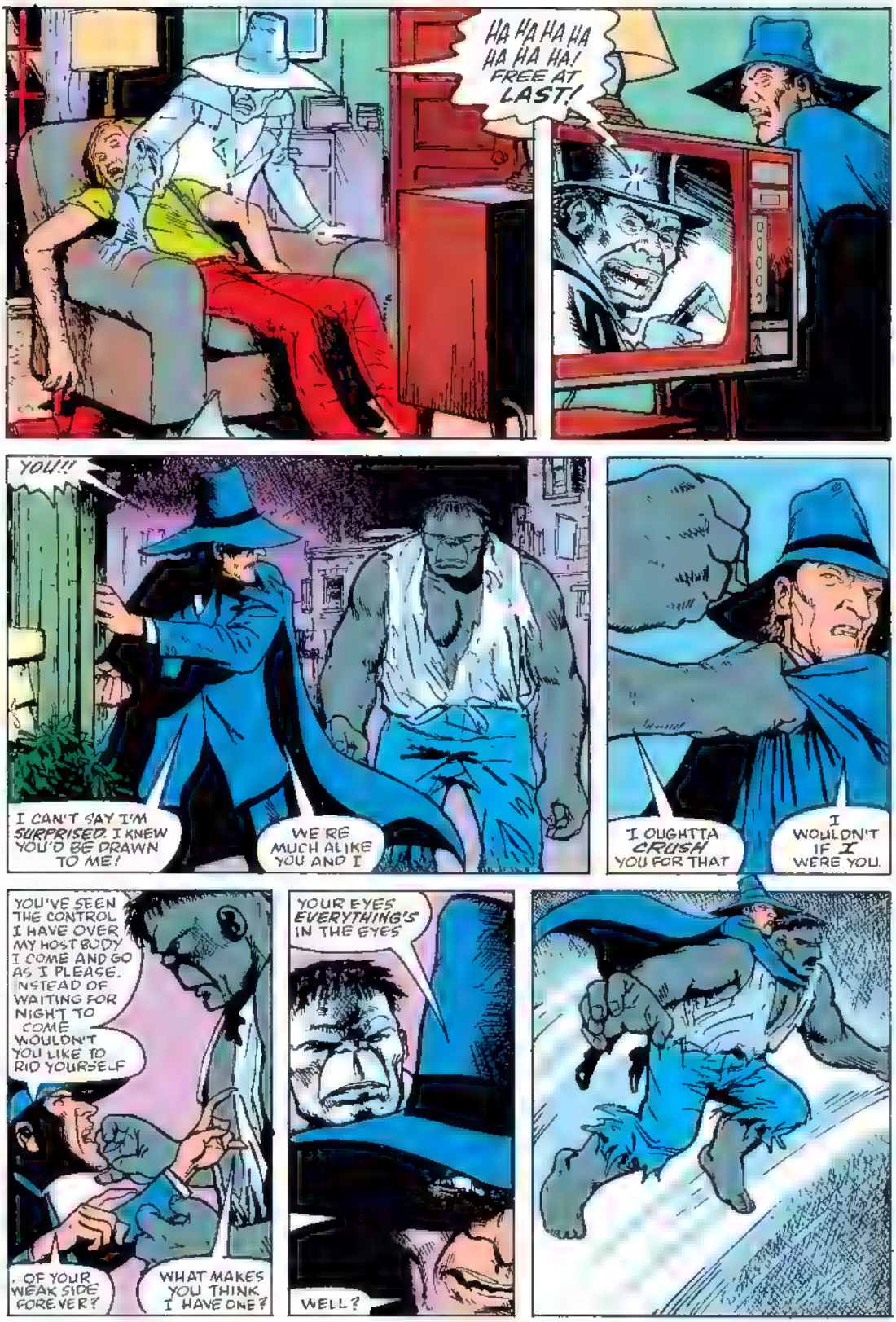

I BET THEY ALL FEEL SORRY FOR ME.
I WAS .. I WAS POPULAR. ALL THE KIDS LIKED ME, AND NOW I'LL JUST BE THIS... THIS PITIFUL...
I BET YOU FEEL SORRY FOR ME, DON'T YOU, DOCTOR?
I FEEL... FOR YOU
BUT YOU'RE ALIVE. YOU GET MORE CHANCES IF YOU WERE DEAD YOU'D HAVE NOTHING.
INSTEAD, I JUST DON'T HAVE MY SIGHT WHOOPEE
BE STRAIGHT WITH ME. WILL I SEE AGAIN, DOCTOR .. UH ..
BANNER .
DOCTOR BANNER
I TOLD YOU, ADRIA... I'M A PSYCHIATRIST. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR SIGHT.
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANYTHING MORE YOU CAN RECALL ABOUT THIS "STALKER" CREATURE
I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING EXCEPT WELL, THAT "ADDY-ADDY" THING THE ONLY PERSON WHO EVER CALLED ME THAT WAS THAT WEIRD GAS JOCKEY, GIL JEFFERS
BUT IT CAN'T BE HIM. THE POLICE TOLD ME HE WAS IN JAIL FOR THE NIGHT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT
SO HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS
THIS


.. THIS HORRIBLE..
I CAN STILL FEEL HIS FINGER-NAILS CUTTING INTO ME. THAT AWFUL LAUGH
D-DOCTOR BANNER, WHY DID HE D-DO IT TO ME? WHY IS SOMEONE LIKE TH-THAT?
I'VE NEVER HUH-HUH-HURT HIM!
HOW COULD ANYONE BE SO EVIL?
IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND, BUT EVERYONE--YOU, ME, EVERYONE--HAS A DARK, EVIL SIDE
SOME OF US JUST HAVE IT MORE UNDER CONTROL.
GET SOME REST, ALL RIGHT, ADRIA? THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED RIGHT NOW
I'LL TRY, DOCTOR
GOOD GIRL.
ADRIA? HI, I'M DOCTOR GUNTER, THE STAFF PSYCHIA-TRIST.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO
AW, NO. LOOK I JUST SPILLED MY GUTS TO DOCTOR BANNER. I CAN'T GO THROUGH ALL THIS AGAIN.
DOCTOR... BANNER?
WE DON'T HAVE A DOCTOR BANNER ON STAFF HERE


"FILTHY FILTHY ENGINE. FILTHY AS SOME PEOPLE'S MINDS. A SHAME YOU CAN'T CHANGE PEOPLE AS EASY AS YOU CHANGE OIL.
YEAH THAT'S GIL JEFFERS
"HARD TO CONCENTRATE CAN'T GET ADDY-ADDY'S FACE OUT OF MY MIND
"MONSTERS ON MY MIND
"MONSTERS EVERY-WHERE, WATCHING WAITING.
"WHEN I WAS A KID, ALWAYS LEARNED HAVE TO WATCH YOUR STEP OR THE MONSTERS WILL GET YOU"
CINEMA
HARDWARE
HITTING THE BOOZE A LITTLE HARD THESE DAYS, GIL?
HIT IT BEFORE IT HITS ME
"HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. BOOZE HELPS ME SEE MONSTERS BETTER, SO THEY DON'T SNEAK UP ON ME
INN
"CLEAR VISION," DAD SAID. "THAT'S THE TICKET.
LOOK, GIL, RENT SOMETHING ELSE FOR ONCE, OKAY? A DISNEY MOVIE I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OFF!
DISNEY MAKE SLASHER FILMS?
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE
"HE LOOKED AT ME FUNNY GUESS THAT MEANS NO.
"THEY THINK I'M WEIRD. BUT THAT'S OKAY. I KNOW WHO MY ENEMIES ARE
"I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE


"I HEARD ABOUT A GOVERNMENT STUDY SAID THAT IF YOU WATCH A LOT OF VIOLENT FILMS, LIKE I DO, IT MAKES YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND HURT PEOPLE.
"SO ONE NIGHT I RENTED A BUNCH OF MUSHY FILMS, "LOVE STORY," "THE WAY WE WERE"... ALL THE ONES MY MOTHER USED TO LIKE. JUST TO SEE IF WATCHING THEM MADE ME MORE... I DUNNO. LOVING.
"JUST WANTED TO SEE I WAS CURIOUS
"DIDN'T WORK. I KEPT PICTURING MYSELF STRANGLING THE WOMEN, STABBING THE MEN
"I THOUGHT THAT WAS INTERESTING.
"WHAT'D I JUST HEAR OUTSIDE?
"OH JUST A POLICE CAR I WATCH IT GO CRUISING DOWN THE STREET.
"THEY HAULED ME IN LAST NIGHT I HATE THEM
"THEY HATE ME IT'S A BALANCE"

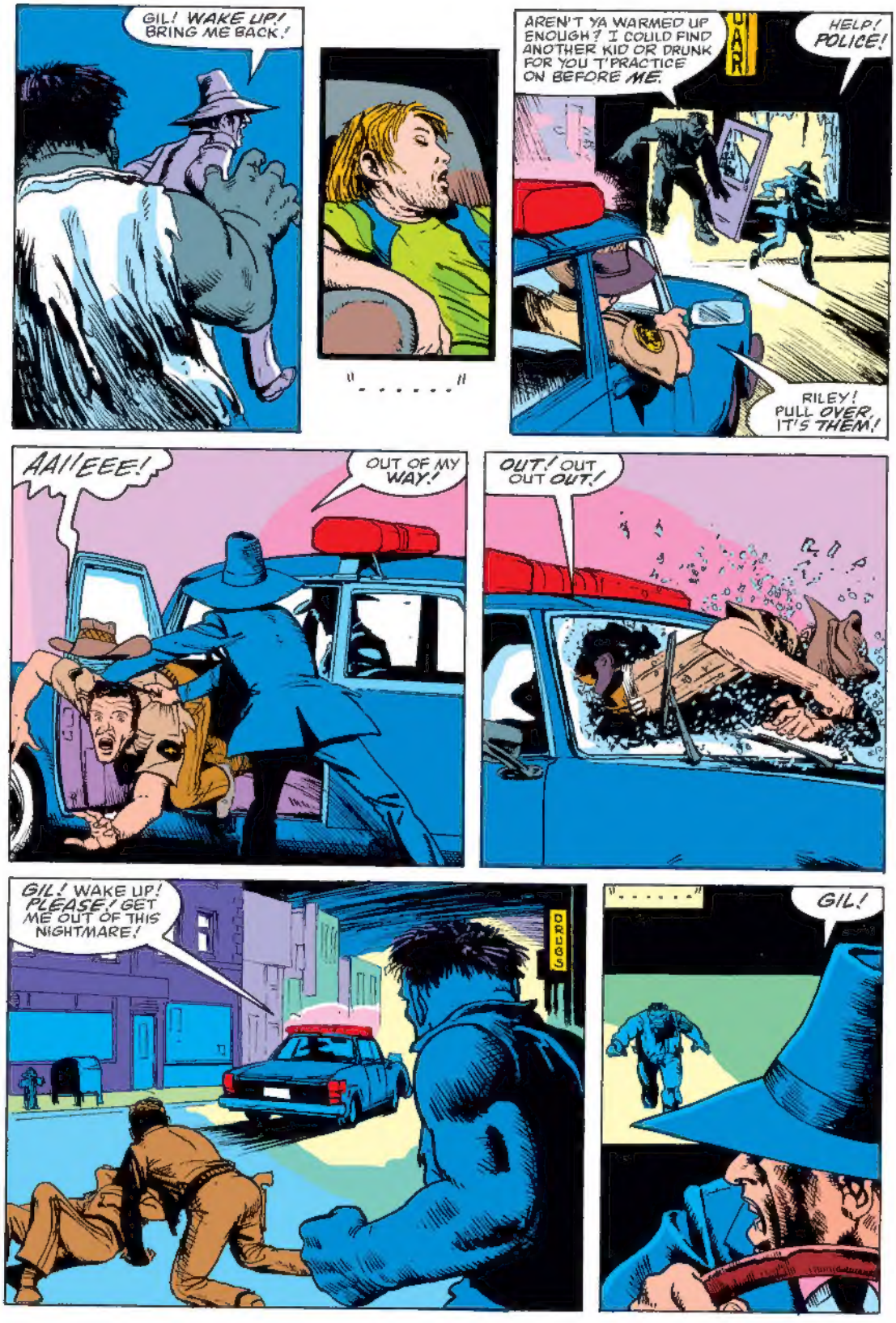

"DO THEY THINK IT'S EASY WORKING THE 6 A.M. TO 2 P.M. SHIFT? IT'S NOT.
DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE
"GUY HAS A RIGHT TO RELAX HOWEVER HE WANTS
"SUN'S GOING DOWN. SHOULD THINK ABOUT MAKING DINNER SOON. HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT ALL DAY EXCEPT BEER
"MOM USED TO TELL ME, SHOULDN'T DRINK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
"SHE TOLD ME LOTS OF THINGS BEFORE SHE TOOK OFF. DUMPED ME, LIKE DAD DID
"EAT ALL MY VEGETABLES. GET AT LEAST SIX HOURS SLEEP
"AND DON'T DRINK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH
"BAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN
"SHE RAN AWAY FROM ME. THEY ALL DID. FOR NO REASON.
"SO MAYBE I'LL GIVE THEM REASON
"YEAH. THERE'S GONNA BE SOME CHANGES MADE.
"SOON AS I
TAKE
TAKE A
NAP "

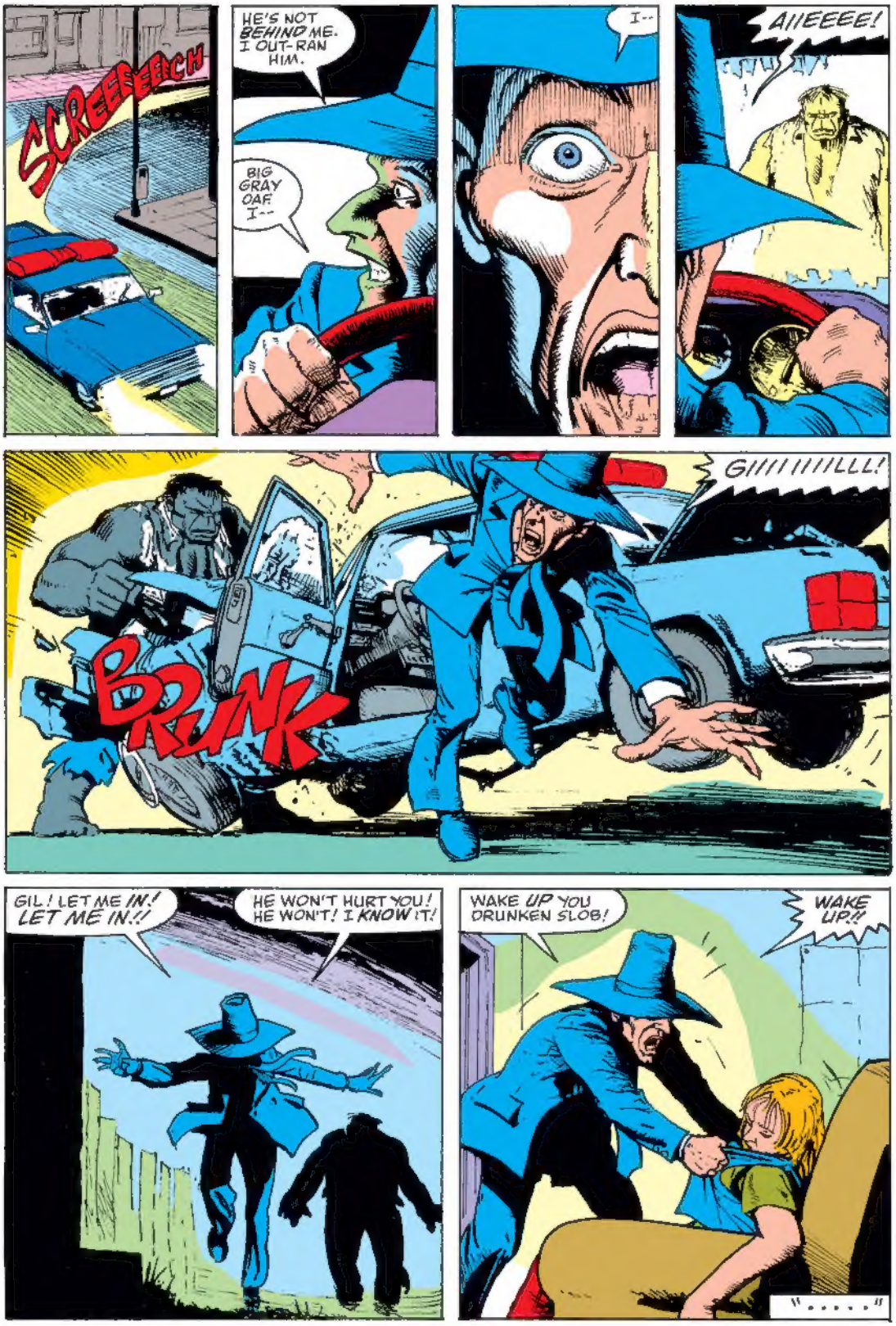

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA! FREE AT LAST!
YOU!!
I CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED. I KNEW YOU'D BE DRAWN TO ME!
WE'RE MUCH ALIKE YOU AND I
I OUGHTTA CRUSH YOU FOR THAT
I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU.
YOU'VE SEEN THE CONTROL I HAVE OVER MY HOST BODY I COME AND GO AS I PLEASE. INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR NIGHT TO COME WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO RID YOURSELF
OF YOUR WEAK SIDE FOREVER?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I HAVE ONE?
YOUR EYES EVERYTHING'S IN THE EYES
WELL?

GONNA VANISH AGAIN LIKE YOU D D LAST NIGHT?
THAT HAPPENED WHEN GIL WOKE UP THE LIGHT OF THE POL CE CAR STARTLED US WON T HAPPEN TONIGHT.
BAR
ON TO BUSINESS SEE THIS BAR? THERE'S FOUR REGULARS YOU SHOULD MEET. THEY WEAR THEIR DARK SIDES LIKE BADGES OF HONOR.
THESE FOUR FINE SPECIMENS ASSAULTED A GIRL SOME MONTHS AGO AND THEN BACKED EACH OTHER UP, TELL NG THE JUDGE THEY WERE NOWHERE NEAR THE SCENE.
BUT THEY BOASTED ABOUT IT TO GIL WHAT GIL KNOWS, I KNOW.
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO STAND BY AND WATCH ME K.L. AN INNOCENT GIRL--A FLAW IN YOUR CHARACTER BUT HOW ABOUT MY KILL NG MEN WHO DESERVE IT?
IF YOU CAN, YOU'LL BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO DOMINATING THE RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WITH YOUR WEAKER SIDE JUST AS I DOMINATE WITH GIL.
WEL.?
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE 'EM

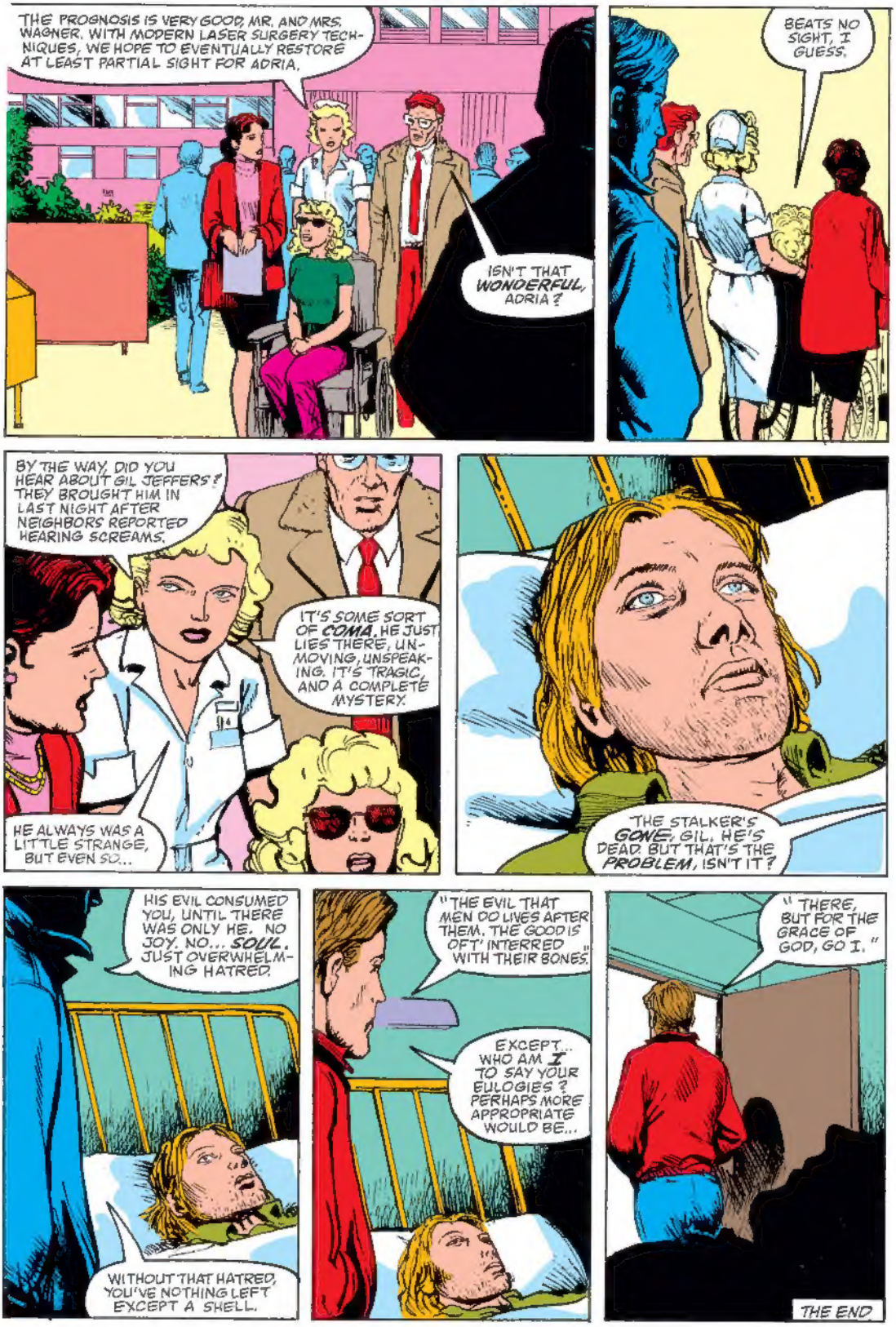
KRAKK
HAHAHAHAH
HEY!
THAT LITTLE CREEP JUST TRASHED RANDY!
GET HIM!
ARRGH!
IDIOTS!
YOU'RE JUST PALE IMITATIONS OF ME.
THWUD
I'M WHAT YOU COULD BE, IF YOU HAD THE GUTS
COLD. SO COLD.

THIS IS IT, MY FRIEND. WATCH ME PLUCK THIS FLY'S WINGS.. OR, EVEN BETTER...
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE?
DO IT YOURSELF HE'S SCUM ANYWAY NO ONE WILL MISS HIM YOU'LL BE DOING EVERYONE A FAVOR.
COME ON DO IT FOR YOURSELF KILL SOMETHING.
OKAY.
YOU TALKED ME INTO IT.
I NEVER DOUBTED I COULD.
WH--? WAIT! NOT ME, YOU FOOL!
YEAH, YOU.
'CAUSE I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT GUY, I D DN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THE GIRL MUCH
BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU!!
RIP!
S'MATTER? NOT AFRAID, ARE YA?


GIL! WAKE UP! BRING ME BACK!
"......"
AREN'T YA WARMED UP ENOUGH? I COULD FIND ANOTHER KID OR DRUNK FOR YOU T'PRACTICE ON BEFORE ME.
BAR
HELP! POLICE!
RILEY! PULL OVER, IT'S THEM!
AAIIEEE!
OUT OF MY WAY!
OUT! OUT OUT OUT!
R.I.P.
GIL! WAKE UP! PLEASE! GET ME OUT OF THIS NIGHTMARE!
DRUGS
"......"
GIL!


SCREEEECH
HE'S NOT BEHIND ME. I OUT-RAN HIM.
BIG GRAY OAF. I--
I--
AIIEEEE!
GIIIIIIIIILLL!
BRUNK
GIL! LET ME IN! LET ME IN!!
HE WON'T HURT YOU! HE WON'T! I KNOW IT!
WAKE UP YOU DRUNKEN SLOB!
WAKE UP!!
"....."

REMEMBER HOW I SAID, "MAYBE NEXT TIME"?
WELL, THIS IS NEXT TIME.
LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE SHAKIN'.
YOU CAN'T DO THIS. WE'RE... WE'RE TWO OF A KIND...
NO, WE'RE NOT, 'CAUSE YOU'RE TERRIFIED. NOW ME...
...I JUST TERRIFY.
AAARRRRRRGGGGHHHHHH


THE PROGNOSIS IS VERY GOOD, MR. AND MRS. WAGNER. WITH MODERN LASER SURGERY TECHNIQUES, WE HOPE TO EVENTUALLY RESTORE AT LEAST PARTIAL SIGHT FOR ADRIA.
ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL, ADRIA?
BEATS NO SIGHT, I GUESS.
BY THE WAY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT GIL JEFFERS? THEY BROUGHT HIM IN LAST NIGHT AFTER NEIGHBORS REPORTED HEARING SCREAMS.
IT'S SOME SORT OF COMA. HE JUST LIES THERE, UNMOVING, UNSPEAKING. IT'S TRAGIC, AND A COMPLETE MYSTERY.
HE ALWAYS WAS A LITTLE STRANGE, BUT EVEN SO...
THE STALKER'S GONE, GIL, HE'S DEAD. BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM, ISN'T IT?
HIS EVIL CONSUMED YOU, UNTIL THERE WAS ONLY HE. NO JOY. NO... SOUL. JUST OVERWHELMING HATRED.
WITHOUT THAT HATRED, YOU'VE NOTHING LEFT EXCEPT A SHELL.
"THE EVIL THAT MEN DO LIVES AFTER THEM. THE GOOD IS OFT' INTERRED WITH THEIR BONES."
EXCEPT... WHO AM I TO SAY YOUR EULOGIES? PERHAPS MORE APPROPRIATE WOULD BE...
"THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, GO I."
THE END